

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2116

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 6, 1980

Application of BELTWAY LIMOUSINE)
SERVICE, INC., for Temporary)
Authority to Conduct Charter)
Contract Operations -- APHIS)

Case No. AP-80-13

By application filed April 16, 1980, Beltway Limousine Service, Inc. (Beltway), seeks temporary authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to a contract with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), transporting employees and persons traveling on official business with the agency between APHIS facilities located at the intersection of 12th Street, S. W., and Independence Avenue, Washington D. C., and at 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md. The service is to be performed in vehicles with a seating capacity of 18 to 25 passengers each, and the contract extends through September 30, 1980.

Beltway had been performing this service pursuant to a special authorization to operate under WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 as prescribed by Commission Regulation No. 70. That authorization lapsed, however, due to the carrier's failure to file a copy of its contract extension. Pending disposition of this application, Beltway is providing service in 15-passenger vans pursuant to its Certificate No. 25. No other carrier already holding authority which would cover the APHIS service operates vehicles of the required size, and we have been advised by APHIS that large coaches cannot be accommodated at its Washington, D. C. facility.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(d)(3) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to grant temporary authority where there exists an immediate and urgent need for service which existing carriers are incapable of meeting. Such circumstances exist here, and the application shall be granted.

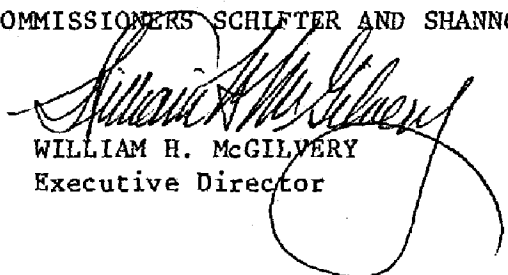
Beltway already has on file evidence of insurance and proper vehicle identification. Accordingly, there appears to be no reason to delay the effectiveness of the temporary authority granted below.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., is hereby granted temporary authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to a contract with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, APHIS, to transport employees of the contracting agency and persons traveling on official business with the agency between facilities of the agency located at the intersection of 12th Street, S. W., and Independence Avenue, Washington, D. C., and 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md., restricted to the performance of such transportation in vehicles with a seating capacity of 18 to 25 passengers.

2. That said temporary authority shall be effective on the date of service hereof and shall expire at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 1980, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director